- a) additional surfactants and/or polymers,
- b) organic solvents,
- c) agrochemicals which are different from ALS inhibitors,
- d) customary formulation auxiliaries,
- e) tank mix components, and/or
- f) water.
- 32. (New) The liquid formulation which comprises as component b) one or more sulfonamides.

## REMARKS

This invention provides for, *inter alia*, liquid formulations comprising one or more compounds selected from the group of gemini surfactants and/or sulfosuccinates and one or more compounds which are inhibitors of acetolactate synthetase (ALS inhibitors) in dissolved form. The inventive formulations provide for a formulation which is stable to degradation and which exhibit favorable performance properties.

It is believed that no fee is due. However, should an additional fee be required, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 16, 17 and 29 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In order to advance prosecution, Applicants have done this without prejudice or the intention of creating estoppel and reserve the right to file a continuation application directed to the cancelled embodiments.

New claim 30 combines the elements of allowed claims 16 and 17. As the elements in claims 16 and 17 were not narrowed in this amendment, the doctrine of equivalents with respect to claim 30 is not affected. New claim 31 finds support in claim 19 and new claim 31 finds support in the specification on page 10, line 21. Thus, no new matter is added.

Claims 14, 15, and 18 to 28 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) for allegedly being unpatentable over Antipanova *et al.*, SU 1,769,296. In view of the present amendment to the claims, it is urged that this rejection is most and should be withdrawn.

It is believed that this application is in immediate condition for allowance and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If, however, there remains an issue outstanding, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned for its prompt consideration.

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